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KENNETH ALLEN KITTS, WAS. FUG., I. O. TWO THREE NINE FOUR, ET AL, BR, ROBBERY AND BURGLARY, ESCAPE AND RESCUE. DAILY SUMMARY

PETE BONACCI WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW THIS DATE. ARRANGEMENTS APPARENTLY PERFECTED FOR HIS CONTACT OF THIS OFFICE FEBRUARY ONE INSTANT. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM KANSAS CITY NIGHT JANUARY THIRTY REFLECTS [REDACTED] FRIEND OF KITTS, ADVISED EARLIER THAT NIGHT THAT [REDACTED] HAD CALLED [REDACTED] HOUSE AT MIDNIGHT JANUARY TWENTYTHREE LAST, LEAVING MESSAGE FOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THIS MESSAGE WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT KENNETH KITTS WANTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY AND REQUESTED THAT [REDACTED] PROCEED TO OMAHA AND GO TO APT. FORTYONE, TOWER TOURIST CABINS, OMAHA, AND THAT HE HAD TO BE THERE BEFORE NOON, JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, QUOTE IF HE WAS GOING TO DO ANY GOOD UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] WITHHELD THIS INFORMATION FROM HIM AND THAT HE DID NOT GO TO OMAHA. KANSAS CITY POINTED OUT [REDACTED] IDENTITY SHOULD BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND THAT HE PROMISED FULL COOPERATION. IN VIEW OF THIS, ON JANUARY THIRTYONE, SAC DALTON CONTACTED SAC BOARDMAN

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TO HAVE [] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT [] ADVISING OF HIS b6 b7C
WIFE HAVING WITHHELD THIS INFORMATION FROM HIM AND ASKING, IN AN b7D
EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN KITTS LOCATION, WHAT HE COULD DO TO ASSIST KITTS.
KANSAS CITY LATER ADVISED THAT [] CALLED [] AT HER
RESIDENCE IN OMAHA AT APPROXIMATELY SIX PM TONIGHT, ADVISING WHY HE
HAD NOT COME TO OMAHA AND INQUIRED IF THERE WAS ANY THING HE COULD DO.
[] ADVISED HIM THAT EVERYTHING WAS ALL RIGHT AND MERELY THANKED
HIM FOR CALLING. AT TOWER TOURIST VILLAGE, OMAHA, REGISTRATION CARD b6 b7C
FOR CABIN FORTYONE ON JANUARY TWENTYTHREE SECURED AND FORWARDED FBI
LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH HANDWRITING OF SUBJECT []

[] WHOSE DESCRIPTION
IS SIMILAR TO THE [] OF SIOUX CITY, IOWA WHO REGISTERED FOR
THIS CABIN ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY TWENTYTHREE - TWENTYFOUR. INVESTI-
GATION, SIOUX CITY, IOWA, FAILS TO IDENTIFY ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL.
INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ABOVE MENTIONED TOWER TOURIST VILLAGE
REGISTRATION ESTABLISHED BENNIE BARONE REGISTERED FOR CABIN TWENTYSEVEN
ON JANUARY TWENTYNINTH INSTANT AND DID NOT USE SAME. ON THIRTIETH
AT TEN AM, RE-APPEARED AT TOWER VILLAGE AND RE-REGISTERED FOR SAME
CABIN. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT BARONE WAS NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE
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PERSONALLY USED THIS CABIN, IT WAS PLANTED BY AGENTS FROM ONE AM TO SEVEN PM, THIRTYFIRST INSTANT, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS IN ESTABLISHING FOR WHOSE USE IT WAS INTENDED. BARONE DID NOT AGAIN RENEW REGISTRATION.

OM CI [REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE BENNIE BARONE OR [REDACTED] b2 b7D

[REDACTED] IN OMAHA AREA THROUGHOUT NIGHT OF JANUARY THIRTYONE INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION, DES MOINES, IOWA DEVELOPED FROM CI [REDACTED] THAT

[REDACTED] LEFT DES MOINES JANUARY TWENTYFOUR OR TWENTYFIVE LAST b6 b7C b7D

IN HIS NINETEEN FORTYNINE BLUE NEW YORKER CHRYSLER BEARING SEVENTY SEVEN IOWA LICENSE. CI [REDACTED] ADVISED GILLESPIE RETURNED

FROM KCMO VIA MID-CONTINENT AIRLINES, FLIGHT SEVENTYSIX, TWENTYNINTH INSTANT, LEAVING HIS CAR IN KC. [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] GAVE b6 b7C

CONTINENTAL HOTEL, KCMO, AS RESIDENCE AT TIME OF BUYING TICKET FOR THIS FLIGHT. KC CHECKING OUT [REDACTED] ACTIVITIES AND

POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION WITH KITTS THERE. [REDACTED] STATES [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] ANTICIPATES TAKING TRIP TO ST. LOUIS WITH HIM IN NEAR FUTURE.

PRINGLE ALSO ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] TELEPHONE HIGHLAND TWO FOUR

SIX SEVEN, KCMO, WAS CALLED BY [REDACTED] FROM DES MOINES TWENTY b6 b7C

FOURTH INSTANT. KC DIVISION CHECKING THIS ALSO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO WAS ONCE APPARENTLY CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH KITTS, POSSIBLY SERVING HIM AS A FENCE, ADVISED TODAY OF DESIRE TO COOPERATE IN CAUSING APPREHENSION OF

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KITTS, AND MUST BE CONSIDERED CI. STATED HE RECEIVED LONG-DISTANCE CALL FROM KITTS ELEVEN FORTYFIVE AM, THIRTYFIRST INSTANT, FROM PAY PHONE IN UNKNOWN LOCALITY, THE CHARGES BEING FROM ONE DOLLAR FIFTY CENTS TO TWO DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS FOR THREE MINUTES, PERSON TO PERSON. OPERATOR DID NOT ANNOUNCE PLACE FROM WHICH CALL BEING MADE, AND ATTEMPTS TO TRACE THIS CALL NEGATIVE. [] STATED HE ASKED KITTS WHY HE CALLED HIM AND KITTS STATED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT [] DRUG STORE TELEPHONE LINE WAS NOT TAPPED, AND THAT HE WANTED TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM [] TO HELP HIM PURCHASE A NEW AUTOMOBILE. KITTS INDICATED HE HAD SOME MONEY, BUT THAT [] MUST FURNISH AN ADDITION TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR QUOTE THEY WILL BELIEVE ANYTHING I TELL THEM UNQUOTE. WHICH [] ASSUMED TO BE A THREAT OF INVOLVMENT IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AS AN ACCOMPLICE OF KITTS. KITTS FURTHER INDICATED THAT HE WANTED [] TO GIVE THE MONEY TO [] WHO WOULD IN TURN DELIVER IT TO KITTS, AND THAT HE, KITTS, WOULD ADVISE HIS WIFE ON THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY THIRTYONE THAT [] WAS TO CONTRIBUTE THIS AMOUNT. SURVEILLANCE ESTABLISHED THAT [] TRAVELED TO THE RESIDENCE OF CHARLES ALMOND, THREE ONE ONE FIVE S STREET, OMAHA, APPARENTLY TO RECEIVE CALLS FROM KITTS ON THEIR TELEPHONE, MARKET EIGHT FIVE THREE ONE.

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CLOSE COVERAGE OF THIS TELEPHONE THROUGH INFORMANTS HAS BEEN INSTITUTED IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF KITTS. TOLL CHARGES TO THIS PHONE FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, FIFTYONE BEING ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY ONE.

[] DID NOT LEAVE HER RESIDENCE UNTIL PM OF THIRTYFIRST
INSTANT AND ONLY VISITED AT ALMOND RESIDENCE, WHICH TOOK ABOUT ONE
HOUR. SUBSEQUENT THERETO, AT REQUEST OF THIS OFFICE, []
PERSONALLY CALLED UPON [] AT HER RESIDENCE TO ADVISE THAT
HE HAD HEARD FROM KITTS THAT MORNING AND WAS DESIROUS OF BEING OF
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO KITTS, BUT THAT THIS ASSISTANCE WOULD BE
AT SLOW RATE. [] STATED THAT KITTS HAS HAD PLASTIC SURGERY,
HIS HAIR DYED, AND HIS TEETH CHANGED IN SOME WAY, MAKING IT DIFFICULT
TO RECOGNIZE HIM. [] INDICATED TO [] THAT SHE WAS TO
RECEIVE ANOTHER CALL FROM KITTS AT A TIME ALREADY ARRANGED, AND THAT
AT THAT TIME SHE WOULD ADVISE HIM OF [] DESIRE TO COOPERATE.
INVESTIGATION OTHER OFFICES REGARDING CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES OF
KITTS CONTINUING AND EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THEM THROUGH
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF KITTS.

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12-56 AM OK FBI WA LEA

cc: Mr. Rosen
Mr. Harbo

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/12/51

FROM : SAC, Omaha

SUBJECT: KENNETH ALLEN KITTS, was;
 BENNIE BARONE, was, et al;
 LAURENS STATE BANK,
 LAURENS, IOWA, 11/3/50;
 BANK ROBBERY - BURGLARY;
 ITSP

Reference is made to the Prosecutive Summary Report of SA EDWARD A. DONAHOE, Omaha, 3/10/51.

For the information of the Bureau, a conference was held with U. S. Attorney TOBIAS E. DIAMOND, Sioux City, Iowa, on 3/5/51, at which time all of the evidence developed as to subjects KITTS and HARDY was made available to him. In considering the evidence available, Mr. DIAMOND advised that he did not intend to utilize all of the subjects or evidence available due to the number of witnesses to be subpoenaed and the expense and great distances of travel involved by many of the witnesses. He outlined the witnesses whom he believed to be necessary in the trial against KITTS and HARDY at Mason City, Iowa, 3/14/51, and requested that a Prosecutive Summary Report be prepared for the purpose of outlining the evidence as to these two subjects for instant trial. He also indicated at this time that he did not feel he would utilize the evidence regarding the recovery of the burglary tools and the FBI Laboratory examinations thereof.

For the information of the Bureau, BENNIE BARONE was arraigned before USC M. O. CUNNINGHAM, Omaha, Nebraska, 2/21 and 23/51, at which time he was ordered held for Federal Grand Jury and bond continued in the amount of \$5,000.00, which had been posted by him 1/25/51. The authorized complaint filed against BARONE 1/23/51 is based on statements and information furnished by subjects [redacted] and PASQUALE JOSEPH BELCASTRO, which indicate that BARONE accepted part of the silver obtained as loot in instant burglary and later converted it for them into currency. These statements will be included in the next investigative report.

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In the event it is indicated that BARONE is going to trial, and in the event that subject KITTS indicates he is going to stand trial with regard to other violations, additional Prosecutive Summary Reports will be prepared. The USA has indicated that charges pending against subject KITTS charging violation of the Escape and Rescue Statute will be handled following disposition of charges against KITTS charging burglary of the Laurens State Bank. Also following completion of this trial, the facts concerning violation of ITCLV will be considered by the USA and the Bureau advised.

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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA CHANGED:	DATE WHEN MADE 3/12/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/23-2/23/51	REPORT MADE BY EDWARD A. DONAHOE EAD:EOD
TITLE KENNETH ALLEN KITTS, was. C. E. Martin, B. Martin, Phil Barnes, A. J. Smith, F. W. Morris - FUGITIVE. I. O. #2394: [redacted] was.			CHARACTER OF CASE BANK ROBBERY (BURGLARY-ROBBERY - HARBORING); ESCAPE AND RESCUE; INTERSTATE

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] - FUGITIVE,
et al

TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE

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SYNOPSIS: KENNETH ALLEN KITTS, FBI #1018308, escaped from Linn County Jail, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, about 7:00 PM, 1/22/51; KITTS was confined this jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond on basis of indictment returned by EGJ, Sioux City, Iowa, 1/4/51, charging KITTS with burglary of Laurens State Bank, Laurens, Iowa. On 1/23/51 USDJ, Cedar Rapids, issued bench warrant on basis of this indictment; also authorized complaint was filed 1/24/51 before USC, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, charging KITTS with violation 18 USC, 751, in that he escaped from custody of USM, Cedar Rapids, on 1/22/51. On 2/8/51 KITTS was apprehended by Bureau Agents at 3:15 AM at Tower Tourist Village, Omaha, Nebraska. Following arrest, KITTS admitted theft of 1949 green Buick four-door Sedan, Motor No. 55111755, at Granite City, Illinois, on 2/6/51 and subsequent transportation thereof to Omaha, where recovered by Bureau Agents 2/8/51 in parking lot, 27th and L Streets, Omaha. Recovery value \$1620. Instant auto released to [redacted] M.D., Granite City, Illinois. At time of recovery instant auto bore 1950 Illinois License 451-336, which KITTS admits stealing at Alton, Illinois. Following KITTS arrest, he was arraigned 2/8/51 before USC, Omaha, ordered held without bond and remanded to custody USM, and confined in Douglas County Jail, Omaha. At hearing 2/19/51 USC ordered KITTS held for removal; removal order entered by USDJ 2/20/51; bond set at \$50,000. KITTS removed 2/20/51 by USM, Omaha,

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	RECORDED SE 5
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Due to the fact that information leading up to the arrest of KITTS was furnished by confidential informants, whose identity will be set out hereinafter, this information is all being set out presently in the administrative section, with leads to develop by independent investigation information regarding individuals contacted by KITTS or possibly harboring him following his escape.

As set out previously, notification as to the fact that KITTS had escaped from the Linn County Jail was not made known to the Omaha Office until 1:50 PM, January 23, 1951, at which time U. S. Marshal [redacted] went to the Jail in order to serve a paper on KITTS. Immediately following receipt of this information, police departments in Nebraska and Iowa, the Iowa Highway Patrol and Nebraska Safety Patrol and all surrounding offices were notified and furnished descriptive and background information which would assist in locating subject KITTS.

Investigation at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, reflected that a 1946 Hudson Club Coupe was reported stolen by the owner from in front of his residence at [redacted] sometime between 5:00 PM and 7:50 PM, January 22, 1951. Prior to his escape, investigation disclosed that KITTS had asked inmates where a used-car lot was located. Instant stolen Hudson was recovered abandoned at Des Moines, Iowa, by the Des Moines Police Department on the night of January 24, 1951. However, investigation disclosed the car had been abandoned sometime between 8:30 PM and 11:30 PM, January 22, 1951. Neighborhood investigation and other inquiry at the scene of the recovery failed to identify the person abandoning it. It was also processed for latent fingerprints; however, none of value were developed.

Information was received from Omaha T-1 to the effect that [redacted] left her home at [redacted] by taxicab, at 1:30 PM, January 23, 1951. This was traced through the Yellow Cab Company and it was determined from the driver that he took [redacted] to downtown Omaha, after which she left his cab and got into another car, which answered the description of the car owned by BENNIE BARONE. It was believed at that time that it was possible BARONE had taken her to a rendezvous with subject KITTS.

Upon receipt of this information, an authorized complaint was filed on the afternoon of January 23, 1951, by SA EDWARD A. DONAHOE

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before U. S. Commissioner M. O. CUNNINGHAM, charging BENNIE BARONE with violation of 18 U. S. Code, 2113, in that he received monies which had been stolen from the Laurens State Bank, Laurens, Iowa. This was based on signed statements furnished by [redacted] and PASQUALE J. BELCASTRO to the effect that BELCASTRO transported \$3,100.00 in various denominations of silver money, which was a part of the loot from the Laurens Bank robbery, from [redacted] tavern at Sioux City, Iowa, to the home of BENNIE BARONE, Omaha, Nebraska, and that BARONE knew where the money came from, having been telephonically contacted from [redacted] tavern at Sioux City, Iowa, and agreeing to handle the exchange of silver for currency. The actual transfer was made by BELCASTRO to BARONE, who charged \$300.00 for handling the transaction. BARONE was surrendered before the U. S. Commissioner at Omaha on January 24, 1951, by his attorney, WARREN G. SCHREMPP, and in a hearing set for February 7, 1951, he was thereafter released upon \$5,000.00 property bond. BARONE refused to discuss the matter with Agents. However, he did, following his arraignment, produce his 1950 Oldsmobile, which eliminated it as being currently used by subject KITTS.

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Also on January 25, 1951, the Bureau and all continental field divisions were furnished with a letter setting forth complete, detailed information concerning instant case, the description of KITTS, and information developed concerning his escape from the Linn County Jail. Also photographs, one mug type and one stand-up full-face photograph, were furnished each office. All immediate investigation within the Omaha Division failed to determine definitely the escape route taken by subject KITTS.

Confidential Informant [redacted] who was in Wichita, Kansas, at the time of the escape, advised on January 23, 1951, that he believed KITTS would possibly go to the [redacted] in order to hide out. [redacted] stated that DALE had over 200,000 acres of land and that the terrain was ideal for a hide-out. He further stated that [redacted] was a very close personal friend of KITTS and that KITTS had in the past visited this ranch together with the informant and indicated that if he was ever really "hot," he would go there. This information was furnished the Denver Division by teletype dated January 23, 1951, who advised by teletype the same day that investigation had been made in the vicinity of the ranch owned by [redacted] at [redacted] Denver advised that [redacted] living

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about two miles from the ranch, was interviewed and had seen nothing to indicate any visitors to [] during the recent days. [] also a neighbor who lives about one-half block from [] advised he had seen nothing to indicate recent visitors, and both individuals advised they would be alert for information which might indicate KITTS was in that vicinity. The local officers also checked the vicinity of the ranch, in addition to the local Agent, without any direct contact with [] and observed nothing at that time which would indicate KITTS to be there. It was observed that the ranch is a rather dilapidated, uninviting place and did not present any particularly attractive possibilities as a hide-out. Investigation was also conducted at Hudson, Wyoming, which is near Riverton, inasmuch as [] has an interest in a night club at Hudson. However, the results were negative. Contacts were established at Hudson for notification should any information concerning KITTS become available.

About 11:45 AM, January 31, 1951, [] an Omaha friend of KITTS, received a long-distance person-to-person telephone call from KITTS. He used a pay telephone, and the telephone operator, without identifying the name of the town calling, asked for "Al." This call was received at Harney 2555, which is the Harney Drug Store, 17th and Harney, Omaha, Nebraska, and is owned by a close friend of KITTS, [] a notorious gambler and friend of underworld characters. [] confidentially reported this information to SA ELMER L. JACOBSEN and estimated that a dollar and one-half to two dollars and one-half was deposited in the coin box on the three-minute call and that it went overtime.

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In view of this information, as well as information received from Omaha [] to the effect that he believed the only logical place KITTS would hide out would be in the vicinity of Riverton, Wyoming, Denver was requested that investigation be conducted in the vicinity of Hudson and Riverton for any information which would indicate this call might have emanated from either of these towns. It was further pointed out, that on the basis of information known to [] he believed local law enforcement officers at Riverton, Wyoming, would inform DALE of any inquiries which might be made by them at Hudson or Riverton.

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The Denver Division advised by teletype dated February 2, 1951, that the records of telephone calls originating at Riverton and Hudson were in the mail and would be available about February 5, 1951.

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Kansas City teletype of January 30, 1951, indicates that [] Concrete Material and Cement Company, Winfield, Kansas, upon interview advised that he was in Oklahoma City about June 30, 1950, at which time he met [] and KENNETH ALLEN KITTS. He advised that [] of a dining, dancing and swimming establishment at Oklahoma City, might be able to furnish information as to KITTS inasmuch as he had frequented her place of business. He indicated that it was his information that [] had recently been to Mexico City.

Oklahoma City teletype of January 31, 1951, advised that efforts to identify [] or an establishment operated by her at Oklahoma City had been negative.

ACURE or ACREY, JONNIE

The name of [] was one of those found on identification cards among KITTS' effects left at the Linn County Jail. Following her name was the address [] and was believed to be []. This information was furnished Houston by teletype dated January 30, 1951.

Houston by teletype of January 31, 1951, advised that investigation at Houston reflected that subject KITTS, accompanied by [] had registered at the Shamrock Hotel July 24, 1950. While there, KITTS and [] had dates with [] and [] both local girls. The dates had been arranged by [] and his [] the latter being a cousin of []. All were interviewed and admitted they knew KITTS but did not know of his criminal activities. They advised they would be cooperative in furnishing any information coming to their attention.

BENNIE BARONE
FBI #508634

An authorized complaint was filed January 23, 1951, by SA EDWARD A. DONAHOE before U. S. Commissioner M. O. CUNNINGHAM, Omaha, charging BARONE with violation of 18 U. S. Code, 2113 (c), in that he received monies constituting part of the loot taken from the Laurens, Iowa, State Bank burglary. BARONE surrendered to the U. S. Commissioner

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on January 24, 1951, and was released on \$5,000.00 bond. At a hearing held February 21 and 23, 1951, he was ordered held for the Federal Grand Jury and bond was continued at \$5,000.00. BARONE resides at 1314 South 24th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, with his sister and brother-in-law, [] and []

He is a partner of [] in operating the Last Chance Tavern, 3760 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa. He is presently driving a 1950 light green Oldsmobile 98, Tudor Sedan, bearing 1951 Nebraska License X1314D.

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On the basis of information received on the afternoon of January 23, 1951, at 1:30 PM from Omaha T-1 that [] had left her home in a cab, investigation at the cab company and interview of the driver indicated he had taken her to downtown Omaha, where she got into another car which answered the description of that owned by BARONE. On the basis that he had possibly taken her to a place for a rendezvous with KITTS, the above-mentioned complaint was filed and the fact that BARONE was wanted was made known to local and State Police agencies. Investigation by Agents on the night of January 23, 1951, to locate BARONE were negative, although his car bearing the above license number was observed on the corner of 16th and Farnam Streets at 9:00 PM on the night of January 23, 1951. Due to the recent filing of 1951 Nebraska license plates, the first information received was to the effect that BARONE's license was X1314A, and at the time his car was observed at 16th and Farnam, it was believed to be BARONE's but due to the discrepancy in the license plates, it was not definitely determined to be until the following day. On January 24, 1951, when BARONE's attorney surrendered him to the U. S. Commissioner, BARONE voluntarily produced his automobile for examination by SA's EDWARD A. DONAHOE and [] and found to be the same car which had been previously observed on the night of January 23, 1951, at 16th and Farnam Streets. This eliminated BARONE's car as being currently used by KITTS. All stop notices placed for this car were thereafter withdrawn.

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BENNIE BARONE, while talking to []

[] advised that he had driven [] to the Railway Express Company in Omaha on January 27, 1951, to pick up some boxes. He stated that [] entered the Railway Express office and observed someone she thought to be an FBI Agent and thereafter came running out without the packages. BARONE said he immediately thereafter delivered [] to the Valoy Bar and then drove away himself. It was ascertained by [] later through interview with [] that the two

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boxes above mentioned had been shipped from Sand Springs, Oklahoma, by [redacted] collect, to [redacted] to be placed in will call. Informant stated he observed that in one of the boxes was some sort of leather goods and felt that it might be some stolen material, that KITTS was possibly with [redacted] and that these boxes had possibly been shipped by him or his wife. Investigation was requested at Oklahoma City concerning the above address, the results of which will be set out under the heading [redacted]

On the morning of January 24, 1951, Inspector [redacted] of the Des Moines Police Department advised SA [redacted] that he understood the FBI was looking for BENNIE BARONE. He stated that on the preceding afternoon, January 23, 1951, he had been parked near the YMCA in Des Moines, Iowa, talking to [redacted] when an individual appeared at the YMCA and, according to [redacted] told him that this individual was BENNIE BARONE. [redacted] stated that after seeing this individual, [redacted] left his car but he did not know for certain whether [redacted] had visited with BARONE or not. About 4:00 PM that day, SA [redacted] was successful in locating [redacted] at which time [redacted] admitted that he was with [redacted] but that they did not see BARONE on the afternoon of January 23, 1951. According to [redacted] he recalled being in the police car with [redacted] at which time they got in on the end of a police pick-up for BARONE. He stated he told [redacted] at that time that he knew BARONE but again denied that he had ever seen BARONE in Des Moines. He stated he had seen BARONE one time in Des Moines during the time KITTS was in the Polk County Jail and he assumed that he was over there to talk to KITTS. [redacted] did not enlarge upon this conversation with BARONE in any way.

In view of the discrepancy in the above information, SA [redacted] again contacted Inspector [redacted] who maintained that the original information he had furnished was still correct. SA [redacted] asked [redacted] to describe the individual seen by the two of them, and from the information furnished it was obvious that it was not BARONE. It is possible from [redacted] past activities that an alibi was to be set up and something went wrong; however, it is also possible that [redacted] misunderstood [redacted] in identifying the individual seen on the street. No further check of this matter was made since it is a well-established fact that [redacted] and [redacted] are very close friends and [redacted] will repeat only so much information as [redacted] desires to be known.

Los Angeles teletype dated February 6, 1951, reflecting an interview of [redacted] states that [redacted] was in Omaha visiting

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his sister at the time of KITTS' escape and he advised he spent the entire evening of January 22, 1951, with BENNIE BARONE; that he left Omaha January 23, 1951, via United Airlines.

Following is the identification record of BENNIE BARONE, under FBI #508634, received from the Bureau under date of January 29, 1951:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USM, Omaha, Nebr.	[REDACTED] #	10/25/30	Vio. NP	4/4/32 chg. dism.
PD, Omaha, Nebr.	Bennie Barone #15856	10/29/31	Reckless driving	12/3/31, 30 das. in Co. Jail
SO, Council Bluffs, Ia.	[REDACTED] #625	6/13/32	Disorderly	\$25 fine suspended
USM, Omaha, Nebr.	Bennie Barone #1115	6/7/34	Dyer Act	3 yrs. prob.
PD, Omaha, Nebr.	Bennie Barone #15856	9/12/44	Investigation	
PD, Des Moines, Ia.	Bennie Barone #17167	9/28/46	Ill Poss. Intox. Liquor	9/30/46 diem.
USM, Omaha, Nebr.	Bennie Barone #5327	1/24/51	Rec & poss stolen money- stolen from an insured bank	Pending

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Bennie Barone #15856 PD Omaha, Nebr. 12/15/34, B.E.; disch.
Bennie Barone #15856 PD Omaha, Nebr. 4/9/35, Arson; disch.

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Shortly before 10:00 AM, January 31, 1951, [redacted] Safeway Cabs, 631 South 20th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, telephoned this office and advised that one of his drivers, whom he did not identify, had recently made a trip to KITTS' home with a passenger. In connection with this trip, the details of which were rather vague, the driver obtained information that KITTS was supposed to come to Omaha the following Sunday. [redacted] stated the passenger was one [redacted] that [redacted] had recently gone someplace in Omaha where he had met BENNIE BARONE and other individuals; that BARONE was armed, and that [redacted] was propositioned to arrange a place for KITTS to stay. [redacted] stated this information had previously been furnished to Chief of Police [redacted] who suggested he contact the FBI. [redacted] stated he would be on the fifth floor of the Douglas County Court House that morning and that he would attempt to identify the trip in question from the trip sheets for Monday, January 29, 1951. On the afternoon of January 29, 1951, SAC J. L. DALTON received a call from Chief of Police [redacted] concerning this matter, although the information furnished by [redacted] was vague and contradictory. It was his understanding the trip had been made to [redacted] possibly [redacted] address.

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On January 31, 1951, [redacted] of the Safeway Cab Company, 631 South 20th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, was interviewed in the Douglas County Court House by SAs [redacted] and R. J. COLLINS, at which time he revealed that [redacted] a Safeway Cab driver, had taken one [redacted] from his residence to the KITTS' home at 3313 Turner Boulevard, Omaha. He advised that it was his impression that Mrs. KITTS had contacted [redacted] and after he had arrived at her home, she requested that he hide out KITTS in his apartment. [redacted] revealed this information had been given to officials of the Omaha Police Department. He also pointed out that [redacted] is a brother of [redacted] Inspector of Detectives, Omaha Police Department.

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On the same date, [redacted] was contacted at the offices of the Safeway Cab Company, 631 South 20th Street, Omaha. [redacted] revealed that sometime after 2:00 PM, Saturday, January 27, 1951, [redacted] had contacted the cab office and requested him to get in touch with him. He revealed that he went to [redacted] home, which is located at [redacted] and, after [redacted] had borrowed \$5.00 from him, he, [redacted] told him he had received a call from [redacted] requesting that he contact her. [redacted] advised that he refused to take [redacted]

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to the KITTS residence unless he received permission from the police. [] stated that [] called Police Headquarters and talked with Captain [], who supposedly gave him permission to contact []. [] advised that he drove [] to the KITTS residence and that he picked him up approximately one-half hour later. After picking up [] revealed that [] told him that [] had requested that [] hide out KITTS in his apartment. [] revealed that he had refused to do so. He also advised that while he was there BENNIE BARONE came to the house and pulled a gun on him, stating something to the effect that he was the law. [] advised that he directed BARONE to put the gun away and establish his identity. He revealed that he left shortly thereafter. [] stated that [] had been drinking rather heavily on that date.

On the same date, [] was contacted at his residence, []. He advised that at approximately 3:00 PM on Saturday, January 27, 1951, he telephoned [] and asked to see her. He stated that he was advised to drop up. [] revealed that he got in touch with [] and that [] drove him to the KITTS residence. He stated that prior to going to the residence, he had contacted Captain [] of the Omaha Police Department and advised him that he was going to contact []. He said that he was in the KITTS residence approximately half an hour, during which time he talked with []. He stated that it was his opinion that she had no idea of the subject's whereabouts. He revealed that he made a date to meet her later that evening at the Trocadero; however, he did not keep this date. [] advised that while he was in the KITTS residence, BENNIE BARONE came in and that he sat around and drank coffee. [] stated that, as far as he knew, BARONE was not armed and advised definitely that he did not pull a gun on him. He advised that [] came back after half an hour and that he left with him. [] stated that he was completely under the influence of liquor at the time he called [] and during the time he was at her home. He stated definitely that he would not have done such a thing if he were sober.

~~BELCASTRO, PASQUALE JOSEPH~~

BELCASTRO, who is confined in the Woodbury County Jail, Sioux City, Iowa, was interviewed several times by SA [] to determine any information he might possess as to the possible whereabouts of subject KITTS. The only associate he knew of concerning whom information had not already been furnished this office was an individual by the

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name of PASQUALE, last name unknown, who was a friend of YANCY DOUGLAS HARDY and who was presently in Mexico City. This individual had served time with HARDY at the U. S. Penitentiary in Atlanta and was reported to be able to get citizenship papers for friends of his in Mexico. On the basis of this information, all offices covering the Mexican border were advised of the possibility that KITTS might go into Mexico and were asked to realert all Border Patrol Stations, which had already been furnished with wanted flyers and I.O.'s concerning KITTS.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to Mayor GLEN C. CUNNINGHAM, Omaha, Nebraska, requested that Agents of this office contact him as he had information concerning KITTS. SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] on January 24, 1951, and he furnished the following information:

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[REDACTED] advised that he had been connected with police work for 16 years in Omaha and that an informant of his, whose name he would not disclose but who [REDACTED] e

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[REDACTED] on the evening of January 23, 1951, attempted to contact him, appearing to have some information. Informant got into [REDACTED] car and he stated he had some information concerning KITTS. [REDACTED] informant advised that he is acquainted with BENNIE BARONE, [REDACTED] and KITTS, having met them at the time he [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and BARONE, [REDACTED] and KITTS muscled in on his business. He continued that KITTS became acquainted at Mitchell, South Dakota, with a young woman who worked in a nightclub, which is located near the cross roads and underpass leading into Mitchell, South Dakota. He described this woman as being 28 years of age, dark hair, slight build, and very attractive. He continued that KITTS became well acquainted with this woman and at various times she had made arrangements to hide KITTS when he had been "hot" on former jobs that he had pulled. Informant stated that he knew she has hidden KITTS up to as much as two weeks at a time. Informant stated he was of the opinion and belief that KITTS would be in Mitchell, South Dakota, until sometime on January 25, 1951. [REDACTED] further advised that he had confidence in this informant inasmuch as he had furnished him valuable information at previous times.

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at Mitchell, South Dakota, at which time she inquired about [redacted] and he informed her that [redacted] was in California. She described [redacted] as having the following description in 1947: 40 to 45; 6 feet to 6 feet 1; 165 pounds; slender build; brown hair, graying particularly at temples; medium dark complexion; noticeable bags under eyes; not well dressed or attractive. [redacted] advised that she further recalled in 1947 [redacted] telephoned her from Omaha and informed her that she had learned from [redacted] that [redacted] was "playing around" with KITTS, at which time [redacted] informed [redacted] that she could have her husband and all she wanted was his money. [redacted] advised it was possible KITTS might attempt to hide out with [redacted]

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BONACCI, PETE

On January 26, 1951, one of the carpenters working in the Federal Office Building advised Radio Communications Officer [redacted] that PETE BONACCI, who operates a tavern in East Omaha, is a very close friend of KITTS and that in the past KITTS has arranged on several occasions to meet his girl friend, [redacted] in BONACCI's tavern.

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PETE BONACCI was interviewed by SA ELMER L. JACOBSEN on February 1, 1951, at which time he advised he was owed the sum of \$910.00 by BENNIE BARONE as a result of various loans up to two weeks previously. He denied loaning BARONE any money since KITTS's escape. He stated that he knew KITTS only as a customer at his Lakeside Steak House, East Omaha, [redacted]

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[redacted] He denied any knowledge of KITTS' present whereabouts but stated he would attempt to develop same. BONACCI further stated that [redacted] and BARONE spend the late morning hours at his steak house almost daily, claiming their attorneys have advised them not to enter Iowa, where they operate the Last Chance Tavern in Council Bluffs, for the reason that they might be apprehended on additional charges.

[redacted] advised that a former associate of KENNETH KITTS in criminal activity was one [redacted], who might possibly be a brother of [redacted], who was stated to be incarcerated in the Folsom, California, Penitentiary. [redacted] was said to have a Kansas City arrest record and background. No description of [redacted] was known, with the exception that he was of average size, about 35, and of Italian appearance.

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on the basis of the point of origin of telephone calls from Riverton, Wyoming, to Omaha, which calls were possibly made by KITTS, or in his behalf, an effort be made to get additional information as to the places of residence KITTS may have used in that area while a fugitive. It was noted with respect to the last inquiry that the information leading to KITTS' apprehension was based upon Riverton to Omaha telephone calls, the recipient of one of these calls becoming an informant. Denver was advised that this informant is in a position to be of great value to the Omaha Office and, therefore, it was desired that nothing be done by the Denver Division to leave any individual in that division with the impression that recipients of calls from KITTS have been or would be contacted by the Omaha Division.

Denver was also advised that [] has stated that [] is apparently popular with some of the Riverton, Wyoming, telephone operators and might, through them, be able to establish the extent and nature of the Denver Division's investigation. Denver was also advised that KITTS had indicated that while at Thermopolis, Wyoming, he played cards with a [] at the Wanberg Baths.

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Among KITTS' identification cards left at the Linn County Jail was the name [], Burkett Motor Company, Houston. This information was furnished Houston January 30, 1951.

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Houston by teletype dated January 31, 1951, advised that [] and subject KITTS registered at the Shamrock Hotel, July 24, 1950, and checked out July 27, 1950. While in Houston, [] contacted [], who is a former County Attorney at Sioux City and has known [] since the latter was a child. Houston advised that [] family has operated rackets since Prohibition days and is well known to local law enforcement agencies at Sioux City. [] who is reported to be reliable locally, stated he and his wife accompanied KITTS and [] two nights while they were there, at which time they visited the Balinese Room and the Turf Club, operated by [] Galveston, Texas. KITTS and [] had dated with [] and [] both local girls, and that [] and his [], the latter being a cousin of [] also accompanied them. Denver advised that all of these individuals knew subject as KITTS but did not know of his criminal activities. KITTS, upon learning that [] was a former

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practicing attorney, discussed his case on appeal with him and stated that [redacted] Omaha attorney, was representing him. Houston advised that [redacted] had suggested contact with [redacted] as well as [redacted] and BARONE SUPRA, although he did not believe the latter two would be cooperative. Houston advised that all persons contacted there stated they would immediately inform that office should KITTS contact them.

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The Denver Division telephonically advised on January 26, 1951, that information had been received from a confidential informant of the Denver Division, who was a madam in Wyoming, that she had received information from [redacted] that [redacted] and subject KITTS were together. [redacted] stated it was entirely possible in his opinion that KITTS and [redacted] might team up in order to pull a job.

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[redacted] on the night of January 29, 1951, advised that during the afternoon, [redacted] picked up two packages, 2½ by 3 feet in size, which he believed were sent by Railway Express and which [redacted] brought to her residence by taxi cab. Later in the evening [redacted] drove [redacted] to the home of [redacted] where his mother, [redacted] resides and who was caring for [redacted] child. [redacted] determined there that [redacted] had been gone from the city since Saturday, January 24, 1951. [redacted] believed instant packages were possibly mailed by [redacted] who might have been with her husband, [redacted] who in turn might have been with subject KITTS. Instant packages bore the return address of [redacted] Sand Springs, Oklahoma. The informant stated the boxes were not heavy and he was able to notice one box apparently contained leather goods in that he saw two leather straps. All of this information was furnished by teletype to Oklahoma City on January 29, 1951, and photographs of [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] were air mailed to Oklahoma City the the Resident Agency at Tulsa.

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By teletype dated January 30, 1951, Oklahoma City advised that efforts to locate [redacted] were unsuccessful, and no record was located at the Railway Express Agency, Sand Springs, Oklahoma, of a shipment from there to Omaha.

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[redacted] Railway Express Company, Omaha, advised on January 30, 1951, that a check of their records indicated that two packages came in on Collect Delivery Receipt #6623, for

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information concerning KITTS and gave his usual self-declaration that he would have nothing to do with him because he only brought him trouble.

On January 29 and 30, 1951, SA [] contacted Confidential Informant Omaha T-3, who advised he had checked the toll calls from the residence of [] Des Moines, as well as from the business establishment of [] namely, the Blatz Beer Distributing Company, for the period January 21 through 28, 1951, and ascertained that only one call had been placed by [] This was determined to be a business call of no significance to instant investigation.

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[] was interviewed by SA ELMER L. JACOBSEN, January 26, 1951, with regard to the visit arranged by him on January 9, 1951, for a ROBERT BARRETT to see YANCY DOUGLAS HARDY. [] and [] Cedar Rapids, Iowa, "Gazette," residence [] advised that for many years he had been acquainted with Omaha attorney [] the latter having been a boxing promoter and always an avid fight fan. [] stated that at 7:20 AM, January 9, 1951, [] at Omaha, telephonically contacted [] at Cedar Rapids and asked for a favor of [] that [] should arrange for a man to visit with YANCY DOUGLAS HARDY at the Cedar Rapids County Jail. [] agreed to do this and [] stated that the man to see HARDY would contact him, [] at 8:00 AM that same morning and request to be introduced to Sheriff JIM SMITH and through SMITH have the appropriate arrangements made to visit with HARDY. [] stated that he made the required arrangements with Sheriff SMITH, and was at that time told by SMITH that HARDY was a bank burglar. [] stated that, in view of the apparently aggravated case, he decided not to accompany the man to visit HARDY. When [] appeared at his newspaper job about 9:45 that morning, there was present a man who confirmed that he was the man of whom [] spoke and who had in turn called [] at 8:00 AM. [] described this man as about 40 years of age, short, and extremely heavy. [] recalled this man claimed to operate the Last Chance Cafe in Council Bluffs, Iowa, which undoubtedly means that the visitor was BENNIE BARONE. It is noted that this was the only occasion [] made any arrangements for a visit to HARDY and that, therefore, he felt certain that BARONE was the individual reported on jail visiting records to have used the name ROBERT BARRETT.

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[] also revealed that a young man by the name of [] had been released from the Linn County Jail at Cedar Rapids after

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celling with YANCY HARDY. [] stated that [] had told him, [] that upon [] release, he would be given 60 cents by HARDY to buy a mouse trap and saw blades to be smuggled into HARDY, along with some string.

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[] advised SA ELMER L. JACOBSEN that on the night of January 27 through 7:30 AM, January 28, 1951, he had been with [] after having been in the company of [] and [] the afternoon of that date. [] advised that he had established that the maiden name of [] is [] and that she was born [], at [] further, that she was married July 29, 1943, in New York City, Manhattan, to [] [] stated that at the time of this marriage she had lived with [] about one year, after which she decided a marriage to him would be all right.

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[] stated that he had not learned the whereabouts of KITTS from [] or [] on January 27, 1951, but that he had subsequently learned that [] and [] had left town together on the late afternoon of that date and that as of 1:00 PM of January 30, 1951, they had not yet returned to Omaha.

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On January 30, 1951, [] advised that during the afternoon of January 29, 1951, he had taken [] from her residence at [] to the residence of her mother-in-law, [] at [] transporting for her two boxes which [] noted to have been recently shipped by Railway Express. Informant stated that these boxes apparently had been shipped from Sand Springs, Oklahoma, by a [] collect, to [] "will call," Omaha. Informant stated that he observed that in one of these boxes there was some sort of leather goods and for the following reason believed that it was stolen material:

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According to BENNIE BARONE, talking to informant at the Valoy Bar, 25th and Farnam, about 12:30 PM, January 30, 1951, these boxes were the object of a trip by BARONE in his Oldsmobile with [] to the Railway Express in Omaha on January 27, 1951. BARONE stated that [] entered the Railway Express Office and observed someone she thought to be an FBI Agent, and thereafter came running out without the packages. BARONE stated that he immediately delivered [] to the Valoy Bar and thereafter immediately drove away himself.

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[] told informant on January 30, 1951, that she had there-
after picked the boxes up at the Railway Express by cab on January 29,
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[] advised that on the night of []
[] invited him and [] for supper. While eating there
about 9:30 PM he was told by [] that [] 1949
Chrysler had just been sold. Informant was of the opinion that it
may have been brought to [] possibly by []
[] due to the fact that she was still absent from the []
[] residence.

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According to [], with []
[] and [] left town together on the late afternoon
of January 27, 1951. [] did not indicate to [] whether []
used his own Nash, 1950 License 1-74317, which he purchased about
one month ago from []. [] also advised
that on the night of January 29, 1951, [] told him that
[] had been calling for [] about 8:00 PM
that day and stated that he had been unable to reach [] at his regular
number, which number or location was not known to informant. []
[] stated she had given this number again to [] on the
telephone to make sure that he was not calling an incorrect number.

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[] also advised on January 30, 1951, that the number of
calls he had made during that morning in the 24th and Farnam area,
Omaha, had established that all taverns had received the wanted flyers
on KITTS and that it had caused considerable stir and comment among the
hoodlums in that area.

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With regard to details of his conversation with BENNIE BARONE
at the Valoy Bar shortly after noon January 30, 1951, [] stated that
BARONE indicated that the FBI had plans on foot to pick up nine accomplices
of KENNETH KITTS and that each of these persons would be fined \$1000
or given a year in jail for their refusal to furnish information
concerning KITTS' possible whereabouts. BARONE further stated []
had been picked up on circumstantial evidence and he would be exonerated
on Thursday, February 1, 1951. [] stated that BARONE left him shortly
after 1:00 PM, stating that he had a very important appointment
for "1:10 PM sharp."

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left Des Moines for Kansas City at 3:54 PM, January 28, 1951, and returned on Flight 76, 7:50 AM, January 29, 1951. There was no record of [redacted] at the Continental Hotel, Kansas City. Investigation at garages near the Continental Hotel failed to disclose that [redacted] garaged a 1949 Chrysler New Yorker, blue color, Iowa License 77___, in any of these garages.

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[redacted] The Oklahoma City Division by teletype dated January 25, 1951, advised that [redacted] BYRON GREEN, ex-convict from Sioux City, Iowa, who was killed in an automobile accident about January 1, 1951, stated she met KITTS on two occasions, the first, date not stated, at [redacted] Turin Inn at Sioux City, Iowa. The second was on Halloween night, 1950, when [redacted] KITTS, and a young man referred to by KITTS as [redacted] possibly PASQUALE JOSEPH BELCASTRO, came through Enid and visited her late husband, departing the next morning, November 1, 1950, for parts unknown. In this connection, it was observed that BELCASTRO admitted in a signed statement that he cased the Laurens Bank about October 31, 1950. [redacted] knew KITTS to have been associated with BENNIE BARONE, [redacted] and [redacted]. She also stated KITTS was well acquainted with [redacted] of Russell, Kansas, who hangs around Omaha, and that [redacted] is well acquainted with [redacted] head of a liquor ring in Oklahoma City. She also advised that KITTS was acquainted with [redacted] surname believed to be [redacted] operator of a gambling place in Colorado Springs, Colorado. [redacted] stated she met BENNIE BARONE on one occasion in the Summer of 1950, when BARONE and [redacted] were at the race tracks in Omaha with their friend, [redacted].

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By teletype dated January 27, 1951, Oklahoma City advised that [redacted] had stated [redacted] is supposed to have a hide-out someplace in either Montana or Wyoming, that she had no further description of the place, and suggested the possibility that KITTS might be there.

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Oklahoma City teletype of January 29, 1951, states that [redacted] former wholesale liquor partner of the late [redacted] Enid, Oklahoma, stated he saw KITTS only once at the home of [redacted] which was in late October, 1950. [redacted] recalled seeing a photograph of KITTS and family in the New York Times newspaper and an article mentioning an Omaha lawyer who was keeping KITTS out on bond. He had no pertinent information as to KITTS' location.

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On interview of January 30, 1951, with HARDY he advised SA WILLIAM C. HOPKINS that he felt that [redacted] would be one of the few associates of KITTS who would have nerve enough to "go to KITTS" at that time. He said [redacted] activities should be closely checked by the Omaha Office, and he felt if [redacted] ever left Omaha, he would eventually get with KITTS.

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By teletype of January 31, 1951, the Kansas City Division advised that investigation reflected that there is no doctor at Gretna, Kansas; however, there is one [redacted] who has a wooden leg and operates a home for unfortunate girls and was tried in State Court on an abortion charge two years ago but found not guilty. [redacted] advised that he had never been burglarized, had no safe in his home and never had a safe in his home. He stated that he had never been in the habit of maintaining money in his home and denied knowledge of or acquaintance with any persons in Omaha. He failed to identify a photograph of KITTS as anyone whom he had ever seen or had any contact with. Kansas City further advised that the Sheriff's Office, Osborne County, was not aware of any attempted burglary in the past nor had they received any indication that [redacted] retained any amounts of money in his home for unfortunate girls.

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Minneapolis teletype of January 31, 1951, stated that [redacted] of the leading men's clothing store, Mitchell, South Dakota, stated he had known KENNETH ALLEN KITTS as KENNETH FISHER since 1947; that KITTS had attended the Corn Palace Festival at Mitchell on several occasions since that time and had claimed to be a car salesman from Omaha. [redacted] stated further that BENNIE BARONE and [redacted] PASQUALE BELCASTRO and a Southern man believed to be YANCY HARDY, were all introduced to him by KITTS. BARONE and [redacted] reportedly operated concessions at the last Corn Palace Festival in September, 1950. Minneapolis stated that [redacted] was completely cooperative and had advised that he had not been contacted by KITTS since his escape and had no information as to his present whereabouts. [redacted] volunteered to assist in every respect in order to locate KITTS. Minneapolis advised that GRIGGS was a respectable, honorable businessman of good reputation in Mitchell and that he advised he would contact that office if he should develop information concerning KITTS.

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Kansas City teletype of February 1, 1951, stated that [redacted] advised that in all probability [redacted] was mentioned to KITTS by [redacted] who in late 1950 was directed there by [redacted] of the Last Chance Tavern, Council Bluffs, Iowa, after [redacted] girl became pregnant.

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The Minneapolis Division was advised by teletype of February 3, 1951, that HARDY advised KITTS had already cased the Delmont, South Dakota, Bank and it was requested that local authorities be alerted in the event KITTS or his associates should attempt a robbery or a burglary.

By teletype of February 3, 1951, the Little Rock Division was advised that HARDY, upon interview, stated KITTS had already cased the robbery of a pay roll of a large lumber company at Crossett, Arkansas. HARDY stated this pay roll was in cash and arrived at the saw mill by way of train and U. S. mail truck and that the saw mill and town are surrounded by a maze of roads through which a get-away route had already been planned by KITTS. HARDY had stated it apparently would be at least a three-man robbery. Little Rock was requested to advise local authorities and establish contacts in an attempt to insure the apprehension of KITTS and his associates should this robbery be attempted.

Omaha teletype to Houston dated February 3, 1951, advised that HARDY had informed that KITTS had already cased a fur shop in the Shamrock Hotel, Houston, Texas. Houston was advised to alert local authorities in the event KITTS or his associates should attempt a robbery or burglary.



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By teletype of January 26, 1951, the Kansas City Division advised that [redacted], who is serving a five-year sentence at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on a counterfeiting charge, was interviewed as he has an extensive criminal record and is associated with Omaha hoodlums. He advised his contact with KITTS was almost void but related KITTS' closest friends are [redacted] and [redacted] BENNIE BARONE, FRANK CALAMIA, and the individual who heads up the wire service in Omaha. He claimed that [redacted], who is serving a sentence in the Michigan State Penitentiary, Jackson, Michigan, was extremely close to KITTS, and that [redacted], Chicago, Illinois, fenced some of KITTS' loot, and in his opinion they would aid KITTS. He believed KITTS could obtain aid through his former bootlegger friends in Nebraska and Oklahoma. He also suggested one [redacted] in Oklahoma City and a former Judge who owns a place near a lake around Pryor, Oklahoma. Kansas City further advised that [redacted] was of the opinion he once heard KITTS' wife's people live in Missouri and Omaha was requested to check. [redacted] has been in the Penitentiary since January 21, 1949, and had no information as to KITTS' whereabouts.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed by SA ELMER L. JACOBSEN on January 27, 1951, and admitted a prior association with KITTS but denied any knowledge of his whereabouts since his escape. She stated she would advise this office if contacted by him, and she was believed to be cooperative. She was dismissed from her position with a local television studio, KMTV, following newspaper publicity of her association with KITTS prior to the time he was arrested in December, 1950.

HUTTER, CHARLES "SNOOKS"

HUTTER was mentioned in Oklahoma City teletype of January 27, 1951, as an associate of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] BENNIE BARON and [REDACTED], who are all in together to take over the liquor business in Oklahoma City. [REDACTED] Oklahoma State Crime Bureau, advised that HUTTER purchased a Federal liquor stamp at Oklahoma City, giving his address as 3700 Northwest 39th Street, which was a filling station where HUTTER was apparently unknown. Oklahoma City advised that CHARLES HUTTER, JR., FBI #1940356, has no record at the Oklahoma City Police Department.

SA [REDACTED] by memorandum advised that on Saturday evening, January 20, 1951, [REDACTED] called him and stated that [REDACTED] wanted [REDACTED] to locate [REDACTED] immediately and have [REDACTED] call "SNOOKS" HUTTER at Omaha. [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] and told him to meet him at the Kennel Club in Sioux City, Iowa, right away. [REDACTED] did this and then [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] about the call to HUTTER. [REDACTED] called HUTTER from the Kennel Club, and HUTTER told [REDACTED] that he, [REDACTED] had to have the "tools at Cedar Rapids no later than Monday." [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he was going to do this and [REDACTED] replied he did not want to but at the same time he did not want HUTTER angry with him. This information was immediately relayed by telephone to U. S. Deputy Marshal [REDACTED] Northern District of Iowa, and also to U. S. Attorney TOBIAS DIAMOND at Sioux City.

CHARLES "SNOOKS" HUTTER was interviewed by SA ELMER L. JACOBSEN on February 2, 1951, at his residence in Omaha, Nebraska. He indicated he was in the liquor business and acquainted with KITTS but that he did not want anything to do with him and would not aid him. He stated he would not inform this office, however, if KITTS' whereabouts should come to his attention, and he was thereupon advised of the provisions of the Federal Harboring Statute.

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Calls were also made to [redacted] notorious Chicago fence and former harbinger of [redacted]. From prior experience of the Chicago Office, it was found that interviews with [redacted] were unproductive. This teletype stated that [redacted] was in jail from May to December, 1950, on local charges and presently is out on bail on Federal charges of Theft from Interstate Shipment.

KITTS, KENNETH ALLEN

Several memoranda were submitted reflecting details of the investigation regarding the escape of KITTS, which are all reflected in the report of SA WILLIAM C. HOPKINS, Omaha, dated February 13, 1951.

A summary of background information regarding the escape of KITTS, together with the prosecutive action pending against him, was furnished to all continental offices by letter dated January 25, 1951, together with photographs of KITTS and his physical description.

Houston teletype of January 31, 1951, advised that KITTS, accompanied by [redacted] registered at the Shamrock Hotel on July 24 and checked out July 27, 1950. [redacted] gave his address as [redacted] and KITTS gave 3313 Turner Boulevard, Omaha. While at the Shamrock, [redacted] and KITTS made several long-distance calls, one of which was to the Flamingo Club, Las Vegas, and one to BENNIE BARONE, operator of the Last Chance, a night spot at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

In an interview with BELCASTRO on January 30, 1951, he advised SA [redacted] that KITTS used the alias of [redacted] and also the [redacted]

On the morning of January 24, 1951, SA's JOHN V. BARNES, [redacted] ELMER L. JACOBSEN, EDWARD A. DONAHOE, [redacted] and [redacted] conducted a search at the cabin of [redacted] located on the River at Gretna, Nebraska, where [redacted] is listed in the telephone book and otherwise known as [redacted]. There was no evidence of KITTS having been at the cabin and it showed no evidence of recent use. It was determined that this shack is on land owned by [redacted] who advised that he had been a farmer in that vicinity for 20 years and has leased the land upon which [redacted] shack is located for five years at a time. He stated he knows KITTS in that he had observed KITTS at the shack with [redacted] during the summer about a year

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ago. He stated that no one had used the cabin since last summer, and in the event anyone did appear in the vicinity of the shack, he would immediately notify this office. [] has telephone 2819 at Gretna, Nebraska.

On January 24, 1951, Sheriff COLLINS, Douglas County, Omaha, contacted SA K. J. BRIDENSTINE and requested that an Agent contact him in regard to the KITTS case. COLLINS revealed that he had information which might be of value in the case. Upon being contacted by SA [] the Sheriff advised that the Redwood Inn, which is located about four and a half miles out of Omaha, on Route 73, was in the process of being opened by [] as a roadhouse. COLLINS pointed out that the Redwood Inn is in the vicinity of the former home of [] and he voiced the opinion that the inn itself would be an excellent hide-out for KITTS.

SA [] and Chief Deputy [] conducted investigation in the vicinity of the inn and found that it was occupied only by the owner, who was in the process of getting it ready for occupancy by []. While making inquiry at the Redwood Inn, Deputy [] pointed out that the inn itself is approximately one and a quarter miles due east of the North Omaha Airport, which airport is operated by []. He voiced the opinion that anyone hiding out in either [] home or the Redwood Inn would have easy access to this airport and to its facilities.

SA [] and Deputy [] contacted [] at the Omaha Airport, at which time it was determined that [] had not seen BENNIE BARONE in over three weeks and that he had not seen subject KITTS during the past two or three months.

On January 25, 1951, [] contacted SA [] and pointed out that [] KITTS' [] owned a fishing cabin located on an island in the vicinity of Valley, Nebraska. He advised that he had alerted the deputy in that area to make contact with the residents on the roads leading to the landing from which one could gain access to the island and determine if there was any unusual travel along these roads. On the following day [] advised that the deputy had ascertained that there had been no unusual traffic along these roads. [] also advised that his office had secured an airplane and had flown over the island. He advised that as a result of this observation, they noted no signs of life on the island. He also advised that they noted no tracks in the snow anyplace on the island.

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On January 27, 1951, Sheriff COLLINS contacted SA [] and advised that he had received information to the effect that BENNIE BARONE and [] during the past summer, had spent considerable time at Lake Okoboji. He advised that they stayed at [] Resort at the lake. The Sheriff expressed the opinion that the area would make an excellent hide-out during this time of year for KITTS.

On January 30, 1951, Chief Deputy [] advised that his office had picked up information reflecting that KITTS had been friendly with a female member of the [] family, which family operates the Hill Hotel in Omaha. He advised he knew of no further information along these lines except that KITTS was reported to have frequented the hotel during the months prior to his being taken into custody.

Memorandum of SA [] dated February 6, 1951, related that [] of Hansen's Frozen Food Lockers, 5025 South 24th Street, Omaha, advised that KITTS had been renting a locker at his establishment the past couple of years; however, his identity as a burglar was unknown until his apprehension in connection with instant case on December 6, 1950. [] advised that KITTS had bought quarters of beef from his establishment several times, always paying for same in cash. He recalled that [] accompanied by an unknown individual who closely fits the description of BENNIE BARONE, appeared at the locker plant about two weeks before the escape of the fugitive, at which time they removed a large basket of meat from KITTS' locker. Examination by [] revealed that there were then about 12 packages of meat in this locker, all of which were processed and wrapped by [] himself. No other packages of any nature were contained in the locker. [] stated that he would advise in the event the remainder of the meat was withdrawn by [] or any other individual.

Other information bearing on the location and apprehension of KITTS has been set out heretofore in this report.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's [] and []

[] United Airlines, Municipal Airport, Omaha, advised that [] of subject, on January 22,

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1951, flew to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Flight 136, leaving Omaha at 6:45 AM and returning to Omaha on Flight 501, arriving Omaha 9:15 PM. Attorney [redacted] had reservations on the above flight but cancelled them. [redacted] was furnished photographs of KITTS, BARONE and [redacted]. He advised that he would show these photographs to his employees and that in the event any of the above persons were seen, this office would be notified at once.

The following airlines were contacted and photographs of KITTS, BARONE, and [redacted] were exhibited and left with them. They all agreed to notify this office in the event any of these persons came in or out of their airlines:

[redacted] Mid-Continent Airlines
[redacted] Station Agent, Mid-Western Airlines
[redacted], C. J. Abbott Charter Service
[redacted] Lang Air Service
[redacted] Aeroservice
[redacted] and [redacted] Clear Ridge
Aviation, Inc., 77th and Crown Point Avenue

[redacted] and [redacted] employees, Prairie Air Service, Municipal Airport, advised upon being shown a photograph of BARONE that they felt this man had chartered a plane from Omaha to Shenandoah, Iowa, on January 23, 1951. They both advised that two men, both weighing well over 200 pounds, came into their office about 4:20 PM, January 23, 1951, and arranged a flight to Shenandoah, Iowa. Both men wanted to leave Omaha after dark but [redacted] advised them that their planes did not take off after dark and, therefore, arranged a flight to leave Omaha at 5:00 PM. Both men then left and returned to the airport at 5:00 PM in a Yellow Cab. On both visits to the airport, the above men were riding in a Yellow Cab. No names were given by the men. At the time they appeared at the office of the Prairie Air Service, they had been drinking and left several empty beer cans outside the door of the Air Service. Both [redacted] and [redacted] stated that they felt that one of the men was BARONE. They described Passenger #1 as 5 feet 8 inches, weighing well over 200, dark complexion; white shirt, brown hat, dark jacket; lips looked peculiar when he talked. They described Passenger #2 as about 45, 5 feet 10 inches, dark brown hair, 195 to 200 pounds, ruddy complexion, and wearing a hat and dark jacket.

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[redacted] Prairie Air Service, home address, [redacted] telephonically advised that he had observed the photograph of BARONE and that he was certain that BARONE was a passenger on his plane on the above-described flight. He said that both these men got off the plane at Shenandoah Airfield and went into the office located in one of the hangars of the field. It is noted there are only two hangars on this field and that one does not contain an office. [redacted] said he did not get out of the plane as he was in a hurry to return to Omaha before dark. He could add nothing further to the description of the two men except he described Passenger #2 as being dressed in striped overalls. [redacted] said that neither passenger gave his name or indicated why they were going to Shenandoah. He said that he was willing to cooperate with this office in any way in further identifying or eliminating Passenger #1 as BARONE.

On January 27, 1951, the following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

[redacted] of the Shenandoah Airport, Shenandoah, Iowa, advised that he remembered two large men flown into the Shenandoah Airport on the evening of January 23, 1951. Upon being shown a photograph of BENNIE BARONE, he advised that BARONE did not resemble either of the two men except in size.

[redacted] employee at the Shenandoah Airport, advised that he remembered the two men flown into the Airport by Prairie Air Service on January 23, 1951. He said that neither of them was identical with BARONE and that they both worked at the Superior 400 Gas Station in Shenandoah.

[redacted] of the Superior 400 Gas Station, Shenandoah, Iowa, advised that he and his partner, [redacted], had flown from Omaha to Shenandoah on the evening of January 23, 1951, in a plane belonging to the Prairie Air Service. It was noted that [redacted] did not resemble BARONE except in size.

The following investigation was conducted by SA's [redacted] and RAY E. LAMB on January 23, 1951:

Contact was made at 3313 Turner Boulevard, Omaha, the home of KITTS, about 6:00 PM, January 23, 1951. At this address [redacted] and his [redacted] brother-in-law and sister

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A check of the Omaha indices reflected a file concerning [redacted] 62-1492, which reflected that she, in July, 1947, [redacted] the Acme Beauty Shop at 1715 Dodge Street, Omaha, which is a corporation, and the individuals operating it were responsible persons. Two of the incorporators were [redacted] and [redacted] both attorneys. This file also reflected she was listed as being a member of the Omaha Hair Dressers and Cosmetologists Association.

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Omaha File 61-184 reflected [redacted] of the American Mortgage Corporation, 1715 Dodge Street, was a complainant on May 31, 1940.

On January 27, 1951, SA's RAY E. LAMB and [redacted] contacted Confidential Informant T-6, who advised that Post Office Box 1723, Benson Station, is listed to the American Underwriters Corporation, 6110½ Maple Street, Omaha. The application was signed [redacted] and [redacted]. They listed its business as real estate, insurance loans and investments. The application was dated January 9, 1951.

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[redacted] Douglas County Bank, Omaha, advised that [redacted] apparently occupied space on the second floor of the building adjacent to the bank in [redacted] office, who is a dentist. It is noted that the office address of [redacted] is [redacted] telephone WA 0203, according to the current Telephone Directory. He advised that there was no such address as 6110½ Maple but that the party may be referring to 6110½ Military.

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The records of the Omaha Credit Bureau and Better Business Bureau contain no information concerning the American Underwriters Corporation.

On January 27, 1951, Omaha T-1 advised that [redacted] was presently back at her residence, 3313 Turner Boulevard. On this date, it was determined from [redacted] of [redacted], that [redacted] had called him, advising that she was "too hot" and that she would probably call him again on Sunday, January 28, 1951. She stated she was under constant surveillance and believed it inadvisable for anyone to contact her at that time.

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[redacted] advised that on the night of [redacted], he was in contact with [redacted] at the Trocadero Night Club, 20th

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and Cuming, Omaha, who was in the company of BENNIE BARONE. [] stated that from about 11:00 to 1:00 he was engaged in conversation with [] on an intermittent basis and that she stated she wanted \$1600 from him, as owed by him to KITTS. Informant stated that he advised [] that he did not feel he owed her husband anything, to which she replied that she would tell him tomorrow (January 28, 1951) and "he'll handle you." Informant stated he believed from the conversation at the Trocadero on the night of January 27, 1951, that BENNIE BARONE knew where KITTS was. He stated that this conversation led him to believe that KITTS, after his escape on the night of January 22, 1951, had gone to Des Moines, Iowa, where he first contacted [] and thereafter [] who "put him on ice" until he [] was able to advise Omaha individuals, including BARONE, [] and [] who then came up with assistance, probably including a car. Informant stated he also understood from this conversation that [] received KITTS' large diamond ring as security for his share, probably an automobile.

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[] Omaha advised Los Angeles by teletype of February 3, 1951, that [] inmate of the Minnesota State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minnesota, advised when he was "hot" in Minnesota about a year ago he went to Des Moines, Iowa, and was directed by [] to contact [] and BENNIE BARONE at Council Bluffs, Iowa, for assistance. [] STATED he went to the Last Chance Tavern operated by BARONE and [] at Council Bluffs and was approached by them with the idea of joining up with KITTS on some jobs. [] stated that in the presence of KITTS, BARONE and [] gave him \$280.00 and advised [] to contact [] and another person, whose name he did not recall, at the Atlantic Club, Compton, California, who would hide him out and give him connections with the local underworld to pull jobs. [] stated he accepted the money but went to Chicago instead and had no information as to the Atlantic Club, except as above. It was suggested that Los Angeles immediately attempt to determine whether or not KITTS may have contacted the Atlantic Club or whether individuals there had any knowledge of KITTS' present whereabouts.

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Los Angeles teletype of February 5, 1951, states that [] who presently operates a bookie shop and news stand in Los Angeles, resides at Compton, California, with [], formerly of Omaha. [] was interviewed and denied knowing KITTS or having any contact with him. Los Angeles advised that [] was not available for interview, and

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A carbon copy of Registration #B15137 was secured and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on January 31, 1951, for comparison of signature with the known handwriting of [REDACTED]. It will be noted that the photograph of BENNIE BARONE was also exhibited to [REDACTED] at which time he informed that BARONE rented Apartment #27 at the Tower Tourist Court on January 29, 1951. He paid \$5.50 in advance for this rental, and examination of the room by the maid on the morning of January 30, 1951, revealed that the same was unoccupied and had not been used the previous night. [REDACTED] further informed that approximately 10:00 AM on January 30, 1951, BARONE reappeared at the office and advised that he desired to stay over an additional day, furnishing \$5.50 for another day's rental. [REDACTED] explained that BARONE had rented cabins at the tourist court on previous occasions, usually for only one night at an average of every three months. On three previous occasions, the apartment was always used, and he believed that the apartment was used solely for a personal escapade. An examination of all registration cards by SA ELMER L. JACOBSEN from January 22 through 24, 1951, failed to reveal the registration of KITTS under any of his known aliases or the registration of any of his known associates under their true names or known aliases.

An examination of the exterior of Apartment #27 failed to indicate occupation as of midnight, January 30, 1951, and in view of freshly fallen snow starting at 6:00 PM, January 30, it was apparent that no one had entered Apartment 27 since 6:00 PM, that date. Apartment 27 was placed under surveillance by SA's BARNES, JACOBSEN, DONAHOE and [REDACTED] until 7:00 PM, January 31, 1951, and no one was seen entering or leaving the apartment. Inquiry by the maid at approximately 8:00 AM, January 31, 1951, revealed that the premises were unoccupied but that the bed had been disturbed. Later examination revealed three cigarette butts, one-quarter pint of whisky in the refrigerator and soiled towels indicating that a shower had been taken.

Arrangements were made whereby [REDACTED] would immediately notify the Omaha Office in the event KITTS, BARONE or any of their known associates reserved a cabin at this court at any time in the future.

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that he met [] about three months ago at the Reno Bar, between 14th and 15th Streets on Harney, Omaha, and had dated her intermittently since that time. He is employed as a driver for the Denver-Chicago Trucking Company and drives exclusively from Blair, Nebraska, to North Platte, Nebraska, and return. He is separated from his wife and formerly resided at Grand Island, Nebraska, which is also the home of his estranged wife. He denies any criminal record and is described as white; 6 feet 2 inches; 230 pounds; brown eyes; black hair, parted left side, straight; dark complexion; heavy build; and wears rimless glasses.

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[] stated that he last saw [] the night of 1/13/51, when she was accompanied by one [] and came to Blair in a car which he described as belonging to BEN BARONE, a 1950 Oldsmobile, 98 series, light green in color. They attended a dance at Fort Calhoun, Nebraska. He last talked to [] on 1/20/51, at which time she informed that she was going to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to attend a scheduled hearing of KENNETH KITTS. She agreed to call [] upon her return. However, he stated no subsequent contact had been made. He related that a purely platonic relationship existed between him and [] and that she had variously indicated that she was merely living with KITTS, that she was separated from KITTS, that they were divorced, and again actually married to KITTS. He claimed he did not know the true identity of KITTS until about December 1, 1950, and had no idea of his reputation until that time. He claimed that he had never seen KITTS and did not know any of his associates with the exception of BENNIE BARONE, whom he had met once. [] said he had heard [] speak of a close friend of hers, named [] but claimed he did not know this individual's full identity.

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[] pointed out that he was a regular patron at [] Tavern and introduced [] to the [] family. He acknowledged that she stayed at the home of [] on several occasions; however, the longest she had ever resided at their home was three days. She came to the [] residence voluntarily because he believed she enjoyed the good times she had experienced there, and he emphatically denied that KENNETH KITTS ever accompanied her on any of her visits at the [] residence. He said he was certain [] did not personally know KITTS and was equally confident that he would not assist KITTS in any manner in escaping or harboring. [] indicated that his personal escapades with [] took place at the home of []

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[] so admitted that he had visited [] at her home at [] and had met her sister, []

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one other page and find it to be true. I have initialed each page, correction and addition.

/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnessed:

Elmer L. Jacobsen, SA, FBI, Omaha, Nebr.

Edward A. Donahoe, FBI, 1010 Fed'l. Bldg., Omaha, Nebr."

The above information has not as yet been discussed with the U. S. Attorney for a prosecutive opinion pending results of an attempt to possibly utilize her as an informant.

[redacted]

In Oklahoma City teletype of January 26, 1951, it was mentioned that a possible contact of KITTS was [redacted] who was formerly a bodyguard for [redacted] [redacted] was stated to drive a 1950 Cadillac Sedan bearing 1950 Illinois License 226 4937.

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Oklahoma City teletype of January 27, 1951, stated [redacted] was seen in Oklahoma City by [redacted] Oklahoma State Crime Bureau, on December 10, 1950, in an Illinois Cadillac. [redacted] stated [redacted] still comes in and out of Oklahoma City and is an associate of [redacted] BENNIE BARONE, CHARLES HUTTER and [redacted], who are all in together to take over the liquor business in Oklahoma City.

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The Springfield Division on January 27, 1951, advised that [redacted] present address was [redacted] telephone 71939. They also advised that [redacted] drives a 1950 four-door black Cadillac bearing 1950 Illinois License 226 4937.

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[redacted] was interviewed February 2, 1951, at Sioux City, Iowa. He indicated that he was in the liquor business in Oklahoma and acquainted with KITTS; however, he stated he would not have anything to do with KITTS in the way of aiding or assisting him but he would not inform this office of KITTS' whereabouts should it come to his attention. He stated he had known KITTS for less than a year and met him the first time at the Turin Inn at Sioux City. He said if he saw him on the street he would pass him by inasmuch as he would have nothing to do

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was closely associated with [redacted] He advised that KITTS had visited him, together with his family, at his farm at Wister, Oklahoma, on four occasions in the past few years.

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Kansas City teletype of February 2, 1951, advised that [redacted] of KITTS, advised he would leave St. Joseph, Missouri, by Burlington Railroad at 10:45 AM that date for Omaha, where he would visit [redacted] until Sunday morning, February 4, 1951. He was going for the purpose of attempting to learn KITTS' whereabouts. [redacted] was apparently cooperative and stated he would confidentially advise the Omaha Office of any information concerning KITTS' whereabouts. He stated he would maintain telephonic contact with the Resident Agent at St. Joseph, Missouri, for instructions. He requested that he not be interviewed by an Agent at Omaha. Kansas City further advised that [redacted] telephoned [redacted] the night of February 1, 1951 telling her [redacted] was coming to Omaha, at which time [redacted] invited [redacted] and [redacted] to come also. It was stated further that they would accompany [redacted], along with [redacted] [redacted] had been interviewed on several occasions, was strongly sympathetic to KITTS, but had stated she would notify the FBI of any information. [redacted] of KITTS residing at Morrisville, Pennsylvania, arrived in St. Joseph, Missouri, January 31, 1951, for a visit and for the wedding of another brother, [redacted] [redacted] was interviewed February 1, 1951, at St. Joseph and gave assurance of his cooperation. He stated he had not seen subject KITTS since 1944 and did not appear sympathetic with KITTS. The train on which the party was traveling was due to leave St. Joseph at 10:45 AM, February 2, and would arrive at the Burlington Station at 2:45 PM that date. It was stated that [redacted] [redacted] would probably meet them.

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Kansas City teletype of February 5, 1951, advised that [redacted] returned to St. Joseph, Missouri, February 4, 1951, from Omaha, where he had visited [redacted] He stated she gave no information concerning KITTS' whereabouts. BENNIE BARONE visited the KITTS home the night of February 2, 1951, for about three hours. [redacted] borrowed BARONE's car February 3, 1951, and [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] visited South Omaha the afternoon of Saturday, February 3; however, they visited only places which [redacted] and [redacted] wanted to visit. [redacted] made no contacts. She stated her folks would not even talk to her. She received many telephone calls at her home, all appearing to be from friends. On two

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or three occasions she stated she had an appointment and left the house for about 20 minutes. She left her house about 10:00 PM, February 3, 1951, and apparently had not returned when [] and his party left on Sunday, February 4, 1951, at 7:30 AM. She made a statement to [] that she was going to obtain a divorce from KITTS and would leave Omaha with her children and settle down somewhere where she was not known. She stated, "KENNY is so far away that it would take 20 years for me to catch up with him." She stated also that her telephone was being watched. [] said she would visit relatives in St. Joseph by Easter, 1951. She stated she had sold her 1950 Cadillac for \$4200.00 as she needed the money to live on. [] advised [] [] was very jittery. He expressed the belief that she knew KITTS' whereabouts and would contact him. [] was interviewed separately and gave no additional information.

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[] advised that he did not know KITTS nor had he ever met him or known of him except what he had read in the papers recently concerning his arrest and escape and occasional comments in general gatherings with regard to his arrest and escape. In this respect, he declared that the comments he had heard were merely a rehash of the facts printed in the papers.

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[] stated that he was at his home alone with his wife at 4200 Fleur Drive on the nights of Monday, January 22, 1951, and Tuesday, January 23, 1951, and that no person had contacted him or attempted to contact him at his home. On the night of January 25, 1951, he had gone to the Orpheum Theater and then returned home, in the company of his wife. [] advised that around the first of the year, [] brought a man into the bowling alley at 4200 Fleur Drive and introduced this man to him as BENNIE BARONE from Omaha, Nebraska. [] stated that BARONE wanted him to contact Sheriff HOWARD C. REPPERT Polk County, in an effort to secure permission for [] to visit her husband in the County Jail. [] stated that he stalled them off that night but that BARONE called back the next day for the same purpose from the Plaza Hotel, where BARONE stated that he and [] were registered. [] then got in touch with HOWARD REPPERT and asked him if [] could see KITTS. He advised that REPPERT told him that KITTS was "pretty hot." [] further declared that he did not know whether or not they were permitted to see KITTS.

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[] as associated with [] on an intimate basis approximately six months ago for a period of four months, during the time [] and his wife were separated. [] stated that he did not know whether or not [] knew KITTS but that if she did know him and they were friends, she is the type of woman who would permit him to enter the Cargill Hotel and give him assistance.

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The above interview with [] was conducted by SA [] on January 25, 1951. Later the same day, RAND contacted SA [] and advised that he had talked to [] at which time he told [] "I want to see you on something that is very important." When she asked him what it was about, he said, "I have been hearing a rumor about you in town." According to [] immediately volunteered the statement, "Do you mean about that fellow KITTS?" [] stated that he said yes, that he had been hearing a rumor to the effect that she had seen him and [] said, "There is absolutely no truth to that rumor. I want no part of the man because he is too hot and I have not seen him for several months."

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[] also advised that he talked to [] with regard to how he knew BARONE, and [] advised that he had eaten in BARONE's tavern in Council Bluffs, Iowa, several times and that BARONE had been in his steak house in Des Moines on several occasions. He stated that BARONE had asked him one night as to whether or not he knew of any persons in Des Moines who would possibly help out on bond for KITTS and how he or [] could get in to see KITTS in the County Jail. [] told [] that he merely brought BARONE over after that conversation because he knew that [] was acquainted with [] and thought possibly [] could arrange for BARONE to enter the jail to visit KITTS.

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[] assured SA DOWD that he would continue his efforts to ascertain whom KITTS saw or contacted in the event he was in Des Moines on the night of January 22, 1951.

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In reply to Omaha teletype of February 1, 1951, Kansas City advised that [] was interviewed at the tavern operated by [] St. Joseph, Missouri, and denied having any information concerning the escape of KITTS except what he had heard on the radio that night. He stated he had not been contacted by KITTS. [] was in St. Joseph temporarily waiting Federal trial at Wichita. TONY

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LEONARDO, a close associate of [] stated he would advise Kansas City if [] was contacted by KITTS. Kansas City further advised that [] would be contacted by that office on February 2, 1951. His attorneys were former SA's KENNETH C. WEST and WILLIAM W. COCHRAN of Kansas City, Missouri.

Kansas City teletype states that [] was interviewed on February 3, 1951, at which time he claimed he had absolutely no information concerning the whereabouts of KITTS and declined to answer further questions. He was temporarily residing at []

~~/~~ VARIANO, TONY, wa. "Crow"

VARIANO was interviewed at 1056 South 28th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 3, 1951, by SA ELMER L. JACOBSEN. VARIANO is night bartender at the Valoy Cocktail Lounge, 2520 Farnam Street. He is married to BENNIE BARONE's [] and is a former employee of BARONE as bartender. VARIANO stated that he had no knowledge as to KITTS' whereabouts but that he would make an effort to establish same and advise this office.